

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Gary L. Graunke

Serial No.: 10/782,572

Filed: February 18, 2004

For: **AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
DISTRIBUTING PRIVATE KEYS TO AN
ENTITY WITH MINIMAL SECRET,
UNIQUE INFORMATION**

Examiner: Ahuja, Supriy A.

Art Group: 2109

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed February 14, 2007, Applicants respectfully make the following election based on the following groupings of the claims.

Group I, Claims 21-30, are drawn to a method of initializing an integrated chip within a system. Group II, Claims 31-35, are drawn to an integrated ship system. Group III, Claims 36-40, are drawn to a key distribution system.

Applicant elects Group II, including Claims 31-35, as well as Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-14, 18 and 19 of Species IV. Claims 4, 9, 10, 15-17, 20, 21-30 and 36-40, namely the claims of Groups I and III, and non-elected Species I-III, V and VI, are withdrawn from consideration.